

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 52-53, and 59 were pending up to this Amendment.

Claims 1-13, 52-53, and 59 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Claim 59 is cancelled.

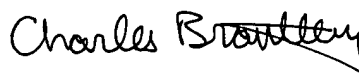
Claims 1-13 and 52-53 are pending as a result of this Amendment.

In the restriction required in the Office Action dated 1/25/05, the Examiner articulated a first specie "directed to a semiconductor device including to [sic] dielectric layers with different oxygen concentration, wherein the dielectric layers do not need to include metals." Applicants understand claims 1-13 and 52-53 to be related to that specie and elect them. The only other previously pending claim – claim 59 – has been cancelled accordingly.

Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the claims are allowable. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,



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